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SUBJ: SAMUEL C. TOTARO, JR.'S FATHER

REF: DEPARTMENT'S OM OF SEPTEMBER 5, 1975 (SUBJECT W/W CASC)

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: SENATOR HUGH SCOTT

1. EMBASSY UNABLE PROVIDE REPORT REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT AS OUR FILES CONTAIN NO RECORD OF TOTAROS AND NONE OF OUR STAFF RECALLS SEEING THEM. SON'S LETTER GIVES NO DETAILS WHICH WOULD SERVE TO IDENTIFY OFFICE THEY CALLED AT OR WHOM THEY SAW. AS FATHER APPARENTLY LIVES IN ROME WE THOUGHT TO TELEPHONE HIM FOR DETAILS ONLY TO FIND THAT HE IS NOT LISTED IN LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. IN CIRCUMSTANCES WE ARE UNABLE TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION AT HAND.

2. WE SINCERELY REGRET THAT ANY CALLER AT THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE DISMISSED AS CAVALIERLY AS TOTARO CLAIMS AND WE WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ONCE FULL FACTS CAN BE ASCERTAINED. IF DEPARTMENT CAN SUPPLY THE ELDER TOTARO'S ADDRESS IN ROME EMBASSY WILL ENDEAVOR CONTACT HIM AND REQUEST FURTHER DETAILS OF INCIDENT AS WELL, OF COURSE, AS ANSWER HIS TAX QUERIES TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. ALTERNATIVELY, THE DEPARTMENT MAY PREFER TO OBTAIN FROM THE YOUNGER TOTARO AND SEND US A DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFICE HE AND HIS FATHER CALLED AT AND THE EMPLOYEE WHOM THEY SAW (MALE OR FEMALE, YOUNG OR OLD, AMERICAN OR ITALIAN, ETC.). AS SOON AS FURTHER DETAILS ARE AT HAND WE SHALL LOOK INTO THE MATTER IMMEDIATELY AND PROMPTLY REPORT OUR FINDINGS.VOLPE

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